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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

CHOLESTEROL-REDUCING AGENT MADE OF DIETARY FIBRE AND CHOLESTEROL-REDUCING SUBSTANCES

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☐ was filed on: as United States Application Number and was amended on(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known by me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a)-(d) or § 365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365 (a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

NUMBER	COUNTRY	MONTH/DAY/YEAR/FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED
/102 33 342.4	Federal Republic of Germany	July 23, 2002	YES
/103 03 900.7	Federal Republic of Germany	January 31, 2003	YES
/103 20 983.2	Federal Republic of Germany	May 9, 2003	YES

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PCT/EP2003/007624	July 15, 2003	PENDING

I hereby appoint as my attorneys, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Gregory N. Clements, registration no. 30,713, Cathy R. Moore, registration no. 45,764 as well as Klaus Schweitzer with Limited Recognition under 37 C.F.R. § 10.9(b).

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